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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
1 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 LAURITZEN BULKERS A/S,

4 Plaintiff,

5 v. 13 CV 3982 (WHP)
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6 JIT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
6 LIMITED, and PALMAILLE
7 HOLDINGS LTD.,

8 Defendants.

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9 New York, N.Y.
10 August 9, 2013
10 12:09 p.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. WILLIAM H. PAULEY III,

13 District Judge

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3 (In open court)

4 THE DEPUTY CLERK: This is the case of Lauritzen
5 Bulkers against JIT International, et al.

6 Appearances for the plaintiff.

7 MR. POWER: James Power of Holland & Knight.

8 MS. LARSEN: Marie Larsen, Holland & Knight.

9 THE COURT: Good morning.

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Appearance for the defendants.

11 MR. PARE: JIT International, Armand Paré, McLaughlin
12 & Stern.

13 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

14 MR. WILLSCHER: Good afternoon, your Honor. Alexander
15 Willscher from Sullivan & Cromwell for garnishee HSBC Bank USA,
16 N.A.

17 MR. SULLIVAN: Matthew F. Sullivan, Sullivan &
18 Cromwell, also on behalf of HSBC.

19 MR. CLARK: Good afternoon, your Honor. Bruce Clarke,
20 Sullivan & Cromwell, same representation.

21 THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon to all of you.
22 I apologize for the delay. I set this matter down for a
23 conference in connection with HSBC's application to the Court.

24 Do you wish to be heard?

25 MR. PARE: Your Honor, we would wish to be heard for
JIT.

THE COURT: All right. I assume, Mr. Willscher, that
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2 you want to be heard as well.

3 MR. WILLSCHER: Yes. Thank you, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right. I'm ready to hear you now. Do
you want to take the podium?

5 MR. WILLSCHER: Yes. Thank you, your Honor.

6 Your Honor, the plaintiff has failed to show that
7 there is any attachable property here in the Southern District
8 of New York. As a result, the plaintiff has failed to show
9 what he's required to show under Rule B of the Maritime Act.
10 And as a result, the law is clear under the Second Circuit that
11 the Court should vacate the order as a result of that.

12 The plaintiff's argument comes down not to an argument
13 that there is actual physical funds belonging to the defendants
14 at HSBC USA, it's that HSBC Hong Kong has a correspondent
15 account at HSBC Bank USA and within that correspondent account
16 are intangible credits that belong to the defendants. The
17 defendants do not have any assets here or any accounts here in
18 the United States. It's just the nub of the case is about
19 these credits.

20 The law is clear, both New York law and the maritime
21 law here in the federal courts, that for these intangible
22 property rights, the situs of that property right is in the
23 location where the promise or the performance would be owed to
24 the defendants. So in this case, that would be Hong Kong. The
25 defendants have their accounts at HSBC Bank in Hong Kong.

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3 That's a completely different entity from HSBC Bank USA, here
4 in the United States, and there is no privity between the
5 defendants in Hong Kong and HSBC Bank USA here.6 So whatever intangible rights that the defendants have
7 when they deposited their money in their bank account in Hong
8 Kong, what they're owed is a promise from the Hong Kong bank to
9 pay them back. And that promise would be owed and it's
enforceable in Hong Kong. There's no connection to this10 We've cited in our papers cases from the New York
11 State courts, as well as there's an excellent opinion from
12 Judge Scheindlin where she goes through this exact situs
13 analysis and finds that, in a case like this, the situs of the
14 originator's payment, or what's owed to the originator, is in
15 Hong Kong.16 The rule that the plaintiff is asserting here would do
17 an end run around the Second Circuit's ruling from the Jaldhi
18 case a few years back. In that case, the Second Circuit held
19 that EFTs, electronic fund transfers, are not attachable
20 property interests of the originator in a different country.
21 Part of the Second Circuit's analysis in that case was based on
22 the UCC. And under the UCC, it's clear that EFTs are not
23 property of the originator.24 But, in addition, the Second Circuit was quite clear
25 that the prior rule under the Winter Storm decision had wreaked

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3 havoc in this district, both for the federal courts and for New
4 York-based banks. The Court talks extensively in that opinion
5 about how up to a third of the Southern District's docket was
6 filled with maritime actions.7 The Court further discussed how the Federal Reserve
8 and many of the banks here in New York are very concerned
9 because the fact that EFTs were being attached meant that the
10 efficiency of the dollar clearing system through the United
11 States was imperiled and parties who were trying to make
12 payments had no certainty about whether their payments would go
13 through and the parties also had no certainty about where in
14 the world they should be sued if there was going to be some
15 sort of litigation against them.16 So based on that, the Second Circuit took the rather
17 extraordinary step of reversing itself from an opinion just a
18 few years before and EFTs are now clearly not attachable
19 property in maritime rules.20 And the rule that the plaintiff is asserting here
21 would go even a step further from the Winter Storm rule.
22 Because in Winter Storm it was just EFTs that we were talking
23 about. Here, what the plaintiff essentially is saying is that
24 any time there's a non-U.S. bank that holds a correspondent
25 account in New York, then by virtue of that and by virtue of
the intangible credits that all of that bank's customers would
have back in the home country, that a plaintiff here in a

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2 maritime action could have access to attach all of the assets
3 not only of the non-U.S. bank, but also all of its customers.

4 So that is even a step well beyond the Jaldhi case and
5 it puts non-U.S. banks in a very difficult position because, as
6 the papers from the defendant JIT here indicate, HSBC Hong Kong
7 is in a position where it's being forced-- it's caught between
8 a rock and a hard place. Because the Court's order is here
9 directing HSBC Hong Kong to freeze the assets of the defendant,
10 but HSBC Hong Kong is of the view that there is no quasi in rem
11 jurisdiction here because there is no property belonging to
12 defendants in New York so the Court should vacate the order.

13 Unless the Court has any questions --

14 THE COURT: I think I understand your arguments, Mr.
15 Willscher. Thank you.

16 MR. WILLSCHER: Thank you, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Paré.

18 MR. PARE: Thank you, your Honor. I represent JIT
19 International.

20 The Court has given an at bat to the plaintiff on this
21 maritime attachment, and by my count there are at least six
22 outs. First of all, the facts are pretty clear. The banks
23 have said that they have no account, they have no sub account
24 here for the defendants at all. JIT International itself has
25 provided papers that indicate all it has is a bank account in
Hong Kong. And, in fact, that account is in both U.S. dollars,

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2 Australian dollars and Hong Kong dollars. And every one of
3 those amounts has been frozen by the bank in Hong Kong. In
4 addition to the papers I've received now, a confirmation from
5 my client that a letter was sent by HSBC Hong Kong confirming
6 to them, to JIT, that their account is frozen and all of its
7 accounts, all of its assets in Hong Kong.

8 So the facts are that there is no money here in the
9 district. And by that reason alone, this case should be
dismissed and the attachment should be vacated.

10 The second --

11 THE COURT: What's the size of the balances that have
12 been frozen in --

13 MR. PARE: Your Honor, that's in the papers. It was
14 60,000 U.S. dollars. And it's in the declaration of Zhang Hui.
15 And it shows, in paragraph 7, 52,000 Hong Kong dollars; another
16 290 Hong Kong dollars; 1,464 Australian dollars; 300,000 Hong
17 Kong dollars; and 60,734 U.S. dollars. And I understand that
18 the plaintiff has also attached elsewhere \$600,000 of funds I
19 think from some other country.

20 So the first point, of course, is that there's just no
21 money here. That, alone, is a reason why the attachment
22 should be dismissed. The plaintiff has that burden; it's
23 failed.

24 The second point is the Jaldhi point. And the Jaldhi
25 case sends a clear message to this Court, to maritime

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3 litigants, that the Court is not going to entertain these
4 international attachments. I mean, this case, what they've
5 done is frozen an account in Hong Kong. The message, I
6 believe, from Jaldhi is clear. This is a novel theory.
7 Maritime attachments have been around for two hundred years.
8 There's not a single precedent on this. This case should be
9 dismissed for that reason alone.10 The third point, of course, is Shaffer v. Heitner.
11 Shaffer v. Heitner is a Supreme Court case that says that there
12 has to be a purposeful availment by the defendant of the
13 jurisdiction, even a quasi in rem case.14 And in this case, even if HSBC Hong Kong and New York
15 got together and do some kind of accounting in New York, even
16 if they have dollars here in New York for the defendant, which
17 they don't, the defendant itself has no knowledge of that and
18 has not purposefully availed itself of the jurisdiction. And
19 under that core principle of Shaffer v. Heitner, the
20 defendant's property should not be subject to attachment.21 The fourth point is the branch banking rule of New
22 York, pursuant to which even if you attach a branch, one branch
23 in the district, that does not reach funds in another branch,
24 even in the district or outside the district, of course. In
25 this case, not only has it gone beyond a branch and beyond the
district, it's gone to Hong Kong.

So under the branch banking rules alone, that's a

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3 reason why the attachment it has frozen to defendant's account
4 in Hong Kong should be vacated.5 And if I may just add, put a fine point on that, your
6 Honor's order in the third from last paragraph states that
7 HSBC, which seems to be defined as being the Hong Kong bank,
8 must attach up to \$20 million. And it has taken that literally
9 and it has done that.10 The fifth point, of course, is the indemnity ruling.
11 And this, of course, is relevant in this case because in this
12 case, this all involves a cargo damage claim. All we know is
13 that there's a claim. All we know is it's a claim for \$20
14 million. The details of that are unknown.15 The Lauritzen -- the defendant, has not paid that
16 amount. In fact, it's been claimed against them by the
17 shipowner, and the shipowner hasn't paid that amount to cargo.
18 So we have a double chain of indemnity claims here. Under the
19 indemnity rule of Greenwich Lerain (ph), that cannot be the
20 basis on which an attachment should issue.21 As a further refinement of that, the corollary to the
22 indemnity rule by three cases in this Court is that if you have
23 an Inter-Club Agreement, as we have here, there is further no
24 basis for a maritime attachment. In fact, the charter party
25 says, in clause 55, that the amount has to have been paid. It
hasn't been paid. The Inter-Club Agreement says it has to have
been settled and paid. And only the amount that has been, in

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3 fact, borne by the party seeking indemnity can be claimed for.
4 None of these have been satisfied. This is a further reason
5 why this attachment should be vacated and there's no basis for
6 it.

7 So, your Honor, in conclusion, we would ask that the
8 HSBC, especially HSBC Hong Kong, be directed to release the
9 funds from attachment as they have, in fact, frozen it.

10 Thank you.

11 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Paré.

12 Do you wish to be heard, Mr. Power?

13 MR. POWER: Yes, your Honor.

14 Your Honor, may I present a document which was handed
15 to me? It's a letter from HSBC to Mr. Xu Dapeng, who is the
16 sole shareholder of JIT, dated June 24, 2013, stating that "As
17 a result of the attachment of the correspondent account in New
18 York, HSBC has restrained the defendant's, JIT's, funds," which
19 I don't believe was included in our papers and we just received
20 this today.

21 THE COURT: I'm accepting the letter and the record
22 should reflect it's been handed up.

23 MR. POWER: Your Honor, plaintiff, who has sought and
24 obtained an attachment order from this Court based upon, we
25 believe, suitable and overwhelming evidence, that in fact had
proved true, and I will explain why, that the defendant, JIT,
as well as the related company and paying agent, Palmaille

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2 Holdings, maintains U.S. dollar accounts at HSBC whereby the
3 credits associated with those accounts are located in New York
4 and, in fact, attachable by serving a Rule B attachment on the
New York-located correspondent bank HSBC USA.

5 In our moving papers, including our memo of law, which
6 has not been objected to here, the case of Cargill -- Cargill,
7 which is 70 A.D.3rd 456. Cargill stands clearly for the
8 proposition that the funds maintained by a foreign bank in a
9 New York correspondent account are funds for the benefits of
its foreign customers.

10 We alleged, and we believe we did show in our moving
11 papers, that some portion of the funds within HSBC's New
12 York-located correspondent account are held for the benefit of
13 not only the defendant JIT, but the defendant and paying agent
14 Palmaille Holdings.

15 THE COURT: Isn't this a common banking relationship
for foreign banks?

16 MR. POWER: Well, I mean --

17 THE COURT: The correspondent bank relationship, isn't
18 it a common relationship?

19 MR. POWER: Yes, a correspondent bank is a
20 relationship. I don't have any numbers on whether it's common
21 or not common, but it is a relationship by contract.

22 THE COURT: Okay. So you don't know whether it's
23 common for foreign banks to have a correspondent relationship

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2 with a bank in the United States?

2 MR. POWER: Well, I could tell you what is necessary.
3 If a foreign bank who wants to make --

4 THE COURT: No, I didn't ask you what's necessary. I
5 asked you whether you understood that it was a common
6 relationship.

7 MR. POWER: I understand that if a foreign bank wants
8 to maintain credits in the United States in U.S. dollars, it
9 needs to have a U.S.-based correspondent account. For a
10 foreign bank who does not want to maintain credits of its
11 foreign customers, it does not need to have-- in U.S. dollars,
12 it does not need to have a correspondent banking relationship.

13 Once we obtained the order from this Court, we did
14 serve garnishee HSBC USA who, in turn, as per the requirements
15 of the order, restrained \$20 million of HSBC's funds located in
16 New York. HSBC, in turn, as evidenced by this letter, which is
17 very clear, restrained the New York-located credits of its
18 customer JIT International, thereby proving exactly our point
19 that the credits associated with the HSBC New York account
20 were, in fact, held for the benefit of its customer JIT and
21 Palmaille.

22 What is interesting here is -- and, again, I think
23 this Court cannot and should not accept the submission by JIT
24 off-- let me see if it's a statement or if it's a sworn
25 affidavit.

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2 THE COURT: It's a declaration.
3 MR. POWER: It's a declaration. The declaration
4 merely states it's an employee of. There is no foundation as
5 to whether that employee has any knowledge whatsoever of the
6 account that was formed at HSBC, whether or not it has any
7 knowledge of what the individual who set up the account at HSBC
8 understood he was getting into, whether or not they actually
9 signed the contract.

10 In fact, the letter from HSBC, which was disclosed
11 only to me today, despite this matter has been pending for more
12 than two months, was a clear indication that HSBC sent a letter
13 to Mr. Xu Dapeng. He is the sole shareholder of JIT. He is
14 probably the only signatory to this account. He is probably
15 the only person in the world who knows why he set up this
16 account. He is probably the only person who can tell this
17 Court whether or not he intended to subject himself to
18 jurisdiction of the United States, whether he knew he was when
19 he was signing the contract, and whether or not he had any idea
20 that he could be haled into court here today.

21 So the declaration submitted by JIT holds no value and
22 should not be given any weight. Because, again, it even fails
23 to identify that this person, by its own expressed terms of
24 that declaration, has any knowledge whatsoever of this account.
25 I mean, I would have clearly assumed that if HSBC wanted to
inform JIT that its funds had been restrained, they would have

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3 sent this to the person who knows about the account and the
4 account holder, and that's Mr. Xu Dapeng. And I believe he is
5 also the shareholder of Palmaille Holdings, and I can confirm
6 that. But certainly they sent it to an address, as stated in
7 our complaint, which is the same address as Palmaille Holdings.

8 What is conspicuously absent here is HSBC and
9 Palmaille Holdings, interestingly enough. I believe JIT took
10 the calculated risk of coming here, knowing that \$60,000 was
11 restrained in New York of its credits. And then we don't know
12 whether it was by operation of contract.

13 Again, HSBC's counsel -- HSBC USA's counsel, who came
14 here before you today, did offer up some suggestions and
15 perhaps some of their own opinions as to what HSBC did or
16 didn't do or was thinking, but yet there is no representative
17 or no counsel for HSBC here. HSBC is a party whose account has
18 been restrained, yet they have not appeared. HSBC is a party
19 who restrained funds, credits that we say are located in the
20 United States of the defendant, yet HSBC is not here to explain
21 why they did that. We only have JIT, who suggests that they
22 know why HSBC restrained funds. We also have HSBC's U.S.
23 counsel who is here suggesting that they know why HSBC did
24 anything.

25 Now, certainly we did request in a letter to the Court
that discovery is certainly appropriate, we believe, but also
necessary in light of the absence of HSBC and, I believe, in

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3 light of the absence and, in fact, of this most recent letter
4 that was produced and handed up to your Honor today, dated June
5 24th, which states, "Dear Sirs" -- and this is from HSBC to
6 JIT. And this is Mr. Xu Dapeng, who's the sole shareholder, as
7 alleged in our complaint, of JIT. And, again, we can all--
8 it's likely, but we don't know, we'd like to find out, but he's
9 probably the sole signatory of this account and, therefore, the
10 only person who can answer questions about this account.

11 "We enclose a copy of the writ of attachment and
12 garnishment naming your company as one of the defendants. We
13 trust you would seek independent legal advice to protect your
14 interests in this matter. As a result of these U.S.
15 proceedings, your account with us is now frozen."

16 Now, I suggest that they're saying your account with
17 us -- it doesn't say your Hong Kong account with us. We have
18 no evidence that this account is in Hong Kong. No one stated
19 that. We don't know where he opened up this account. We don't
20 know whether or not this account is accessible from multiple
21 locations. This is information that is absolutely necessary,
22 particularly if the Court is going to-- would entertain -- if
23 we're going to entertain the representations that are
24 unsupported by HSBC USA's counsel and also by JIT.

25 I would also assume -- and perhaps JIT's counsel,
26 who's sitting here, could offer more information in this
27 regard, whether or not a very similar letter from HSBC was sent

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3 to Mr. Xu Dapeng in his capacity as owner of Palmaille, also
4 stating that funds of Palmaille have been restrained.

5 That is a question we've been asking. HSBC USA's
6 counsel has told me they don't know. So if they don't know,
7 the people who are going to know are HSBC, who's not here, who
8 has a right to come here, as well as Palmaille.

9 There was a recent case--

10 THE COURT: Do you--

11 MR. POWER: We had a hearing on --

12 THE COURT: Excuse me, Counsel. Do you contend that
13 HSBC's Hong Kong account is not located in Hong Kong?

14 MR. POWER: Your Honor, I don't have any information
15 of where that account is located. My allegation, which I
16 believe --

17 THE COURT: Well, let me ask you this: Do you have
18 say evidence to suggest that the HSBC Hong Kong account is
19 located in this district?

20 MR. POWER: I have evidence-- not-- okay. The
21 account? I don't know where the account is located. I don't
22 know if the account is in this district. But what I am saying
23 by way of what happened here, as well as the premises that were
24 found in the Cargill case, the attachable beneficial interest
25 associated with the funds contained in New York -- which are of
a beneficial interest to the defendant -- are taxable here.

That's the one thing that is-- that is the only important thing

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2 that I think this Court needs to deal with this point in time.

3 And I think the letter from HSBC, which, again, was
4 just disclosed, dated June 24, 2013, stating that as a result
5 of the attachment over HSBC's correspondent account, HSBC
6 restrained the credits associated with that account for this
7 defendant. It doesn't say where the credits-- it doesn't say
their account in Hong Kong. It doesn't describe that.

8 Now, perhaps if we had some information from JIT,
9 which they could have produced, but they chose not to, and
10 again perhaps because they're the declarant, the witness, who
11 doesn't even identify its capacity at JIT, has no knowledge of
12 the documentation that was used to set up these accounts.

13 There are other cases, and I would suspect --
14 THE COURT: Has the Second Circuit ever held that this
15 sort of attachment is appropriate?

16 MR. POWER: The Second Circuit has not held-- the
17 Second Circuit has not ruled one way or the other whether this
18 sort of attachment is appropriate. In fact, however, the
19 Second Circuit --

20 THE COURT: So the answer to my question is no?

21 MR. POWER: The Second Circuit in a maritime --

22 THE COURT: Is the answer to my question no?

23 MR. POWER: The Second Circuit has not ruled on a
24 correspondent bank attachment. However, the Second Circuit,
25 it's clear, and we've cited in our letter, there is

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3 overwhelming precedent that the Second Circuit under maritime
4 law takes a very broad view of an attachable interest, and that
5 can be an contingent interest. And that is precisely the
6 interest which we believe is located in New York that is the
7 beneficial interest that is maintained by HSBC for this
8 particular defendant. And HSBC could not have attached and
9 restrained the funds, as this letter indicates, unless there
was in fact a beneficial interest located in New York for this
defendant.

10 We think this letter is proof positive that what we
11 have alleged is exactly the case, exactly what the case is.
12 That when a foreign bank opens up a New York correspondent
13 account and fills it with the credits of its customers,
14 including this defendant here, JIT, such that when and if an
15 order of instruction is given to the bank to make a payment, it
16 has the capability to do so, that account and those beneficial
17 interests are, in fact, 100 percent attachable under Second
18 Circuit law. Absolutely.

19 THE COURT: All right. Anything further, Mr. Power?

20 MR. POWER: Your Honor, we recently-- because HSBC is
21 not here, whose account, it's in their name, we have a similar
22 case before Judge Furman, which we had a case earlier this week
23 in which -- a very similar situation where the correspondent
24 bank showed up, couldn't offer any actual statements or
25 knowledge contrary to our allegations in our complaint.

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2 The Judge found that it was appropriate to issue an
3 order transferring the funds of the foreign bank that were
4 restrained here into the Court's registry until such time as
5 that foreign bank or the ultimate defendants appeared and put
6 forth sufficient proof showing that the funds could not and are
7 not attachable because they are in no way for the benefit of
8 the defendant. So that order was submitted and I believe it
was signed.

9 So that would be very appropriate, we believe, in this
10 case. We don't want HSBC USA, who hasn't offered much in terms
11 of description to the Court on what actually they looked at.
12 There's no evidence that they even talked to HSBC. We don't
13 see any e-mails. We know they didn't present the contract. So
14 there's really nothing other than they say we can't tell
15 whether or not funds of the ultimate defendant are within the
16 HSBC account.

17 However, it's clear that whatever they did --

18 THE COURT: But JIT is here in this proceeding, aren't
19 they?

20 MR. POWER: Well, they are, but --

21 THE COURT: Isn't that totally different than the
22 situation that was before Judge Furman?

23 MR. POWER: Well, it's different because one of the
24 two defendants has showed up. Palmaille is here. Now, I
25 suspect that Palmaille, the attachment over the Palmaille HSBC

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3 account, just like -- I'm pretty sure there was the same letter
4 probably sent the same day to the same person, just addressed
5 to Palmaille. We believe based on prior records that we have
6 already received that have been produced from HSBC USA showing
7 all of the U.S. dollar transactions of Palmaille and the
8 defendant JIT, and right before this attachment there were
9 numerous-- there was significant activity arising from these
10 accounts. Therefore-- and the bulk of the transactions, as we
11 allege in our complaint, this particular defendant has
12 transferred over its operations and is allowing Palmaille, its
13 related entity, to accept higher and pay higher on its behalf
14 to avoid this type of action.

15 And we believe that Palmaille has the bulk of the
16 funds restrained and, therefore, it's quite strategic to have a
17 party that has little or no interest, even if they basically
18 were found to have-- even if, after all this is said and done,
19 their \$60,000 is required to be staying here, they have no real
20 skin in the game.

21 But Palmaille, who we believe has more money,
22 significant amount of money attached, by reason of the same
23 letter that HSBC sent to JIT --

24 THE COURT: Do you have any facts to support that kind
25 of speculation?

MR. POWER: Yes, I do, your Honor.

THE COURT: Like what?

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3 1 MR. POWER: I have wire transfer information that I
4 obtained from Court order showing that the account maintained
5 by Palmaille at HSBC USA had significant, hundreds of thousands
6 of dollars of transfers, right before it. So there is
7 significant evidence, there is evidence that supports --

8 THE COURT: When?

9 MR. POWER: When? Days before transactions. I mean,
10 I have spreadsheets. I can submit them to this Court. HSBC
11 USA, Mr. Willscher, produced them to me. So he's very aware of
12 the transactions that I'm talking about.

13 What we don't have is the dollar amount in the
14 account, and that's all we've asked HSBC USA to describe to us.
15 They refuse to tell us. JIT, who appears only for JIT,
16 although I suspect, since they're at the same address and it's
17 the same shareholder, that JIT could probably reach out and
18 find out how much money is restrained in the Palmaille account
19 at HSBC. Or HSBC USA might be able to tell us what their
20 related company -- whether HSBC sent a very similar letter to
21 Palmaille and how much money is restrained.

22 But this is clearly an empty chair scenario, where two
23 parties that have little stake in this claim have come here
24 with little or no support of what HSBC has done. We have a
25 declaration. Again, I've never seen a declaration of an
employee. It says "employee." It didn't even state what their
capacity was. I suggest that that employee, upon examination,

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3 which I would think I would have a right to do if they're
4 submitting a declaration, that employee would have no knowledge
5 whatsoever of what went on and how this account was set up and
what is the correspondent account, where it is, and who was
subjecting themselves to U.S. jurisdiction or not.

6 THE COURT: Are you done?

7 MR. POWER: Yes, your Honor, I'm done.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Mr. Willscher, do you want to be heard?

10 MR. WILLSCHER: Thank you, your Honor. I think
11 several points bear correction after hearing Mr. Power.

12 First, with respect to the letter that he submitted to
13 the Court, I mean, just to be clear, this is a letter from HSBC
14 Hong Kong, not HSBC U.S. They are two totally different
15 entities.

16 Mr. Power just made a statement that this letter
17 couldn't have been sent unless his legal theory is correct that
18 the credits in the correspondent account here in the U.S.
19 belonged to the defendants. That's just not the case. The
20 reason why HSBC Hong Kong garnished that money is because the
21 Court ordered it.

22 If you look at the Court's order, page 4 of the order
23 that the Court signed on the 12th of June, the penultimate
24 paragraph says: "Order: HSBC Bank" -- which the Court
25 previously defined as the Hong Kong entity -- "as garnishee

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3 shall immediately restrain funds of defendants JIT and
4 Palmaille Holdings up to the amount of \$20 million."5 Now, to be clear, this is not a concession that HSBC
6 Hong Kong thinks that any of the legal theories are correct or
7 that there's even jurisdiction over HSBC Hong Kong. What it
8 does indicate is a prudent decision by an entity that they
9 don't want to prejudge the case and to wait for the Court to
10 hear argument and decide.11 In addition, Mr. Power made a lot about the empty
12 chair scenario; that HSBC Hong Kong is not here today. The
13 simple fact is, is that they have not been served. The only
14 service that Mr. Power attempted to do was by serving HSBC Bank
15 in the U.S. And his hook into that is to say that, well, under
16 the Patriot Act, which is a totally different provision
17 directed just for law enforcement, under the Patriot Act HSBC
18 Hong Kong has designated HSBC Bank U.S. as its service agent.
19 But we cite in our papers a decision from the district court in
20 the District of Columbia where they make clear that that
21 jurisdictional provision, that service provision, is just for
22 law enforcement. It's not for private litigants. There hasn't
23 been any service here and that's why HSBC Hong Kong is not
24 before you today.25 Mr. Power also mentioned the Cargill case from the
First Department. And, respectfully, I think he misstates the
holding of that case. Just a little bit of background I think

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3 would be helpful there. In that case, there was a Ukrainian
4 bank that held a correspondent account in the United States.
5 And that bank was the actual judgment debtor. And so a party
6 sought to attach that bank's correspondent account in the
7 United States. An official of that Ukrainian bank submitted a
8 declaration, a self-serving declaration, saying to the Court,
9 Please don't attach all of our funds here because some of these
10 are for the benefit of our customers.

11 And so both the trial court and the First Department
12 said we are not going to issue a broad attachment order in this
13 case because correspondent banking is very important to New
14 York State and we're not going to overdo it with the attachment
15 here because there's an affidavit saying that some of these
16 funds belong to the beneficiaries, the actual customers. We're
17 not going to issue a very sweeping order.

18 The Court did not consider the issue of law here that
19 we're talking about. It didn't consider any of the issues of
20 credits. It didn't consider the issue of the situs of an
21 intangible property right, which Mr. Power had the opportunity
22 when he stood up here to talk about that or any of the cases
23 and there was no discussion of that. I think that he's
24 conceded now that the law is clear on the situs point; that an
25 intangible property right, the situs belonged in Hong Kong. So
the Cargill case I think really is inapposite here.

Next, Mr. Power I think confused issues on where

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2 accounts are located and who is where. He cited that confusion
3 as a reason to have discovery in this case. Respectfully, this
4 issue should be decided simply as a matter of law. Discovery
5 isn't going to advance the ball here at all. There's already
6 HBUS, HSBC Bank USA, has already submitted two declarations to
7 the Court. They are clear on any points that he's raised.
8 They're clear that funds were never in the United States that
9 belonged to the defendants. There were never funds that were
10 moved out of the United States, as he accused HSBC of doing.
11 There are no sub accounts for the defendants in the HSBC Hong
12 Kong correspondent account in the United States. That's all
clear.

13 Another thing Mr. Power said he was unsure about is
14 where the defendant JIT account is located. And, again, there
15 is a declaration from someone at JIT saying that there is an
16 account in Hong Kong. This is paragraph 2 of the declaration,
17 says JIT maintains a bank account in Hong Kong with HSBC Hong
18 Kong. So it's clear the JIT bank account is located here and
19 there is no JIT account in New York.

20 And then, finally, your Honor, two last points.
21 Mr. Power made a point about the various documents that I
22 produced to him on behalf of my client indicating that there
23 have been payments, electronic fund transfers, to Palmaille in
24 Hong Kong. Respectfully, I don't know exactly what the
25 significance of that is. Those are electronic fund transfers.

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3 They clearly would not be attachable in a maritime action and
4 they don't speak to the question here of whether the defendants
5 have property in New York, as clearly they don't.

6 The final point is just Mr. Power's statement about
7 the proceeding before Judge Furman last week. I understand in
8 that case that Judge Furman entered an order in which he
9 allowed the Bank of New York, which was the intermediary bank
10 in New York, to exit the case. I wasn't at that proceeding.
11 I've spoken to the counsel for Bank of New York, and my
12 understanding is that Judge Furman appreciated that there was a
13 burden being placed on the intermediary bank to appear at this
14 proceeding. And so he offered the Bank of New York an out and
15 said you can be out of this proceeding, just surrender the
16 restrained funds to a Court account and then we'll go on from
17 there. And Bank of New York took him up on that offer.

18 But one thing that's clear about that is that Judge
19 Furman did not think that there was any need for discovery. He
20 let Bank of New York go at that point and there was no need to
21 be deposing people from Bank of New York about their
22 correspondent banking relationships or their relationships with
23 their customers overseas.

24 Thank you, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

MR. PARE: Your Honor, I'll be brief. There's no

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2 argument about the indemnity rule. There's no argument about
3 the branch banking rules. There's no argument about Shaffer v.
Heitner.

4 On the question of 'Where are the funds and are there
5 any funds in New York?' the plaintiff bears the burden of
6 proof. Plaintiff has submitted nothing to show there's any
7 money in New York. And it somehow mysteriously wants to show
8 that this letter, which is from HSBC Hong Kong, it somehow
9 shows a credit in New York. I don't get that argument, so I
10 can't respond to it any more than that.

11 But the affidavit is crystal clear that the account is
12 in Hong Kong, it's at Queens Road in Hong Kong, and that they
13 have no connection with any bank in New York. The plaintiff
14 has failed to fulfill its burden of proving there are funds
15 here in the district. And for that reason alone, the entire
16 case and the order of attachment should be vacated.

17 THE COURT: All right. The garnishee bank HSBC USA
18 and the defendant JIT International move to vacate this Court's
19 June 12, 2013 maritime attachment order, which requires HSBC
20 USA to restrain \$20 million in the correspondent bank account
21 of its customer The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
22 Limited. That order also required HSBC USA to determine what
23 funds in the correspondent account belong to defendant JIT
24 International.

25 "If, at any point, a plaintiff in a maritime

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2 attachment case ceases to be able to satisfy the requirements
3 of Rule B -- and indeed should -- revisit and vacate any orders
4 of attachment." *Sinoying Logistics PTE Limited v. Yi Da Xin*
5 *Trading Corp.*, 619 F.3rd 207 at 212, (Second Circuit 2010).
6 Plaintiff is under a continuing burden to demonstrate that
7 defendant's property can be found within the district. See
8 *Shipping Corp. of India Limited v. Jaldhi Overseas Partners*
9 *Limited*, 585 F.3rd 58 at 69 (Second Circuit 2009).

10 Plaintiff argues that it should be permitted to attach
11 assets from HSBC Hong Kong's correspondent account with HSBC
12 USA because that account is held for the benefit of JIT
13 International, but that argument sweeps too broadly. By
14 plaintiff's logic, certain accounts can be attached simply
15 because a domestic bank has a relationship with a foreign bank
16 and that foreign bank holds an account for a defendant. The
17 Second Circuit forbids this kind of overreaching because, among
18 other concerns, it would threaten "New York's standing as an
19 international financial center," quoting *Shipping Corp. of*
India V *Jaldhi* at 71.

20 In any event, it's not necessary for this Court to
21 decide whether attachment can extend to a defendant's
22 beneficial interest in correspondent bank accounts. Here, HSBC
23 USA has declared that it holds no accounts in JIT's beneficial
24 interest and JIT has declared that it has no property in the
25 district. Plaintiff's speculation to the contrary does not

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2 satisfy the requirements of Rule B. Accordingly, this Court
3 vacates its June 12, 2013 maritime attachment order.

4 This constitutes the ruling of this Court and I'll
5 enter an order on the docket later today.

6 Anything further?

7 MR. POWER: Yes, your Honor. I would like to place my
8 objection. Your order stated that this was going to be a
9 status conference. Under the rules, E(4)(f) in particular, a
10 party claiming an interest in the property has a right to
11 appear. We have a right to submit full briefs in that regard,
12 which we have not been able to do here.

13 Also, I believe that we have a right to immediate
14 interlocutory appeal, pending -- which we would ask your Honor.
15 There is a ten-day stay in place automatically under the rules.
16 That HSBC USA cannot release any of these funds, nor HSBC --
17 which it's clear it has restrained the funds -- until such time
18 as an appeal is sought. And we would ask your Honor for an
19 additional stay pending an appeal.

20 THE COURT: First of all, I've listened to your
21 arguments at great length today. You've had an opportunity.
22 And when I recognize that I've made a mistake, I want to cure
23 it as quickly as I can. So you can take it all up with the
24 Second Circuit. I'm not granting any further stays than that
25 permitted by statute.

Anything further?

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3 MR. WILLSCHER: No, your Honor, thank you.
4 THE COURT: Have a good afternoon.
5 MR. POWER: Thank you, your Honor.
6 (Adjourned)

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Plaintiff,

-against-

JIT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
LIMITED, and PALMAILLE
HOLDINGS LTD.

Defendants.

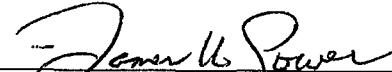
Civil Action No. 13-CV-3982 (WHP)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT that Lauritzen Bulkers A/S ("Lauritzen"), Plaintiff in the above-named case, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from the Order dated August 9, 2013, as well as all adverse rulings subsumed therein.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, held at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, in the City of New York, on the 22nd day of February, two thousand and ten.

Before: Peter W. Hall,
Circuit Judge.

Front Carriers Ltd.,

Plaintiff-Counter-Defendant-Appellant,

v.

ORDER
Docket No. 10-484

Transfield ER Cape Ltd.,

Defendant-Counter-Claimant-Appellee.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion by Appellant Front Carriers Ltd. for a stay of execution pending appeal of the order of the Hon. Richard J. Sullivan filed on January 28, 2010 in docket no. 07-cv-6333 in the District Court for the Southern District of New York will be determined by a motions panel as soon as possible. The order is stayed pending determination of the motion by the panel.

FOR THE COURT,
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe,
Clerk


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Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Western Bulk Carriers KS,
Western Bulk AS,
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Defendants-Appellees.

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9/18/07 Copy of notice of appeal and district court docket entries on behalf of APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., filed. [Entry date Oct 3 2007] [EM]

9/18/07 Copy of district court order dated 9/12/07
RECEIVED. [Entry date Oct 3 2007] [EM]

9/18/07 Index in lieu of Record on Appeals
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remain in the originating court).
[Entry date Oct 3 2007] [EM]

9/26/07 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., Form C
filed, with proof of service. [Entry date
Oct 3 2007] [EM]

9/26/07 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., Form D
filed, with proof of service. [Entry date
Oct 3 2007] [EM]

10/3/07 Pre-Argument Conference Notice and Order
from Vidya Kurella, Scheduled For: 10/18/07
@ 3:00pm, Filed. [Entry date Oct 9 2007
] [EM]

10/3/07 Scheduling order #1 filed. Record on appeal due 11/1/2007. Appellants brief due 11/8/2007. Appellees brief due 12/10/2007. Ready week 1/21/2008. [Entry date Oct 9 2007] [EM]

10/15/07 Amended Pre-Argument Conference Notice and
Order from Vidya Kurella, Re-Scheduled For:
10/24/07 @ 11:30am, Filed.
[Entry date Oct 15 2007] [EM]

10/15/07 Notice to counsel re: amended notice of pre-argument conference. [Entry date Oct

15 2007] [EM]

10/17/07 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. motion for stay pending appeal filed with proof of service. [Entry date Oct 17 2007] [AM]

10/26/07 Notice of appeal acknowledgment letter from Kirk Lyons received. [Entry date Oct 26 2007] [KR]

10/26/07 The CAPTION PAGE for this appeal has been AMENDED as per Kirk M. Lyons aknowlegment letter. [Entry date Oct 26 2007] [KR]

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10/29/07 Appellee Western Bulk Carriers KS, memorandum of law in opposition to motion for stay filed with proof of service. [Entry date Nov 7 2007] [AM]

11/2/07 Order filed stating a pre-argument conference having been held herein and the court having been advised as to the progress of the appeal, including a motion for a stay of the District Court vacatur order pending appeal. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the scheduling order be and it hereby is VACATED pending the Court's disposition of the motion for a stay of the District Court vacatur order. IT IS FURTHER ORDRED that counsel for the appellant shall notify the Office of Staff Counsel by letter within 15 days of entry on the docket of any order by this court adjudicating the pending motion. (VK) [Entry date Nov 5 2007] [AM]

11/5/07 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 11/2/07. [Entry date Nov 5 2007] [AM]

1/16/08 Notice to counsel re: Motion for stay of execution of judgment on the substantive motions calendar for Tuesday, January 29, 2008**ON SUBMISSION**. [Entry date Jan 16 2008] [AV]

1/30/08 Notice to counsel in re: Motion order filed 1/30/08. [Entry date Jan 30 2008] [KR]

1/30/08 Certified copy of the order, 07-4193-cv issued to the district court, [informational only]. [Entry date Jan 30 2008] [KR]

1/30/08 Order FILED GRANTING motion stay by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on motion dated 10/17/2007. Upon due

consideration, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Appellees request an order requiring appellant to post a supersedeas bond in the amount of the surety bond. Upon due consideration, it is hereby ORDERED that the request is DENIED without prejudice to refiling after appellees first request such relief from the district court. Before: Hon. John M. Walker, Hon. Guido Calabresi, Hon. Reena Raggi, Circuit Judges. For the court by, Franklin Perez, Operations Anaylist. [Entry date Jan 30 2008] [KR]

2/8/08 Order filed stating: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a stay is GRANTED pending hearing of this motion by a three judge panel of this court. Before: Hon. Peter W. Hall, Circuit Judge. For the court by, Joy Fallek, Administrative Attorney. [Entry date Feb 8 2008] [KR]

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2/8/08 Notice to counsel in re: Motion order dated 2/8/08. [Entry date Feb 8 2008] [KR]

3/18/08 Transcript (documents 8, 25, 26, 33) RECEIVED in records room. [Entry date Mar 18 2008] [YV]

4/18/08 Scheduling order #2 filed. Record on appeal due 5/13/2008. Appellants brief due 5/20/2008. Appellees brief due 6/19/2008. Ready week 8/4/2008. For the Court, by VK, Associate Staff Counsel. [Entry date Apr 18 2008] [EM]

4/18/08 Notice to counsel re: scheduling order #2. [Entry date Apr 18 2008] [EM]

5/8/08 1st supplemental index in lieu of supplemental record filed. [Entry date May 9 2008] [ML]

5/8/08 2nd Supplemental Index in lieu of Record on Appeals Electronically Filed. (Original documents remain in the originating court). [Entry date May 9 2008] [ML]

5/8/08 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. motion for one week extended time filed with proof of service. [Entry date May 13 2008] [EM]

5/14/08 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 5/14/08. [Entry date May 14 2008] [CI]

5/14/08 Order FILED GRANTING motion for extended time by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on motion dated 5/8/2008. Appellant's brief is due 5/27/08. Appellee's brief is due 6/27/08. Ready week is 8/11/08. (JP) [Entry date May 14 2008] [CI]

5/27/08 Notice of Appearance Filed by Kirk Lyons on behalf of Centauri Shipping Ltd. (Orig in acco, copy to Calendar and Admissions Dept.). [Entry date May 28 2008] [ML]

5/27/08 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., brief FILED with proof of service. NOTE: Anti-Virus Certificate is at the end of the pdf. [Entry date May 28 2008] [ML]

5/27/08 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., joint appendix filed w/pfs. [Entry date May 28 2008] [ML]

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6/26/08 Notice of Appearance Filed by Kirk Lyons on behalf of Appellant, Centauri Shipping Ltd. (Orig in acco, copy to Calendar and Admissions Dept.). (Entry date Jun 27 2008) [ML]

6/26/08 Letter dated 6/24/08 received from Kirk M. Lyons, Esq., in re: unavailable dates for oral argument during the week of August 10, 2008. [Entry date Jun 27 2008] [ML]

6/26/08 APPELLEE Western Bulk Carriers KS, brief with exhibits filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jul 1 2008] [ML]

7/1/08 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. motion for reply brief dealine extension filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jul 3 2008] [ML]

7/2/08 Order FILED GRANTING motion for extended time to file reply brief by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on motion dated 7/1/2008. "IT IS HEREBY ORDERD that the motion is GRANTED. Appellant's reply brief is due 7/17/08." For the Court: JP, Motions Staff Attorney. [Entry date Jul 3 2008] [CI]

7/3/08 Notice to counsel in re: Order, filed 7/2/08. [Entry date Jul 3 2008] [CI]

7/3/08 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., reply brief due 7/17/08. [Entry date Jul 3 2008] [CI]

7/17/08 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., reply brief filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jul 21 2008] [CI]

7/23/08 Notice of Appearance Filed by Patrick Lennon on behalf of Appellee Western Bulk Carriers KS, et al. (Orig in acco, copy to Calendar and Admissions Dept.). [Entry date Jul 30 2008] [ML]

7/23/08 Letter dated 7/23/08 received from Patrick F. Lennon, Esq., in re: unavailable dates for oral argument. [Entry date Jul 30 2008] [ML]

9/18/08 Appellee Renaissance Insurance Group Ltd. in 08-3142-cv motion to consolidate appeal with 07-4193-cv for purposes of oral argument [Entry date Sep 22 2008] [AM]

9/22/08 APPELLEE Western Bulk AS, Western Bulk Carriers AS, Western Bulk Carriers KS, 28(J) letter dated 9/16/08 received from Patrick F. Lennon, Esq. [Entry date Sep 23 2008] [ML]

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9/30/08 Ordered that the following appeals 08-3142 and 07-4193 shall be heard in TANDEM. Per motion order dated 09/30/2008. [Entry date Oct 1 2008] [HT]

9/30/08 Order FILED that Appellee's counsel in this appeal shall forthwith serve the motion to consolidate upon both Appellant's and Appellee's counsel in 07-4193-cv. Counsel for appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. is Kirk M.H. Lyons of Lyons & Flood LLP, 65 W. 36th St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Counsel for Appellee Western Bulk Carriers is Patrick F. Lennon of Lennon, Murphy & Lennon LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 300, New York, NY 10017. Once Appellee's motion has been served on Attorney Lyons and Attorney Lennon, both Attorney Lyons and Attorney Lennon shall have ten days from the date of this order to file any opposition to the motion to consolidate. Appellant's counsel in this appeal, Attorney Tisdale, shall also have ten days to file any opposition. It is

further ORDERED that court DENIES the Appellee's motion to consolidate the appeals for purposes of oral argument, but will henceforth treat the motion as a request to have this appeal and 07-4193-cv, heard in tandem by the same panel. Before: PWH, CJ (JP, Motions Staff Attorney) NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS. [Entry date Oct 1 2008] [HT]

10/1/08 Notice to counsel in re: Tandem Order issued 09/30/08. [Entry date Oct 1 2008] [HT]

10/10/08 Letter dated 10/10/08 received from Patrick F. Lennon, Esq., in re: no objection to argue appeal case in tandem with docket no. 08-3142. [Entry date Oct 21 2008] [ML]

1/26/09 Proposed for argument the week of 3/30/09 [Entry date Jan 26 2009] [CA]

2/4/09 Argument as early as week of 4/6/09 [Entry date Feb 4 2009] [DC]

2/9/09 Order filed stating, "The issues presented in these appeals (07-4193 & 08-3142) have been raised in STX Pan Ocean (UK) Co. v. Glory Wealth Shipping, 08-6131, which is scheduled for oral argument on February 13, 2009. Arguments in these cases will be held in abeyance pending a decision in 08-6131. Within one week of a decision in that case, the parties will submit letter briefs of no more than five pages addressing whether and how the decision in 08-6131 affects their arguments on appeal." (FP) [Entry date Feb

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2/9/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 02/09/2009. [Entry date Feb 9 2009] [ML]

2/9/09 STAY flag: per Order filed 02/09/2009. [Entry date Feb 9 2009] [ML]

2/9/09 Certified copy of the order, 02/09/2009 issued to the district court, [informational only]. [Entry date Feb 9 2009] [ML]

2/18/09 Letter dated 02/11/2009 received from Patrick F. Lennon, Esq., in re: stay. [Entry date Feb 18 2009] [ML]

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3/26/09 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., LETTER BRIEF filed with proof of service. [Entry date Mar 27 2009] [ML]

3/27/09 APPELLEE Western Bulk AS, Western Bulk Carriers AS, Western Bulk Carriers KS, LETTER BRIEF filed with proof of service. [Entry date Mar 30 2009] [AG]

4/20/09 Case submitted before STRAUB, SOTOMAYOR, LIVINGSTON, C.JJ. [Entry date Apr 20 2009] [AV]

4/20/09 Judgment filed; judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED by detailed order of the court without opinion filed. (SS) [Entry date Apr 20 2009] [AM]

4/20/09 Notice to counsel in re: Summary order filed 4/20/09. [Entry date Apr 20 2009] [AM]

5/4/09 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. Petition for rehearing and petition for rehearing en banc filed with proof of service. [Entry date May 5 2009] [ML]

5/8/09 APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., 28(J) letter dated 05/08/2009 received from Kirk M. Lyons, Esq., bring to the Court's attention a decision in docket number 08-1679-cv. [Entry date May 11 2009] [ML]

5/13/09 Letter dated 05/12/2009 received from Patrick F. Lennon, Esq., in response to Appellants Petition for Rehearing. [Entry date May 13 2009] [ML]

5/14/09 Letter dated 05/13/2009 received from Kirk M. Lyons, Esq., in re: response to Petition is not permitted, FRAP 35(e). [Entry date May

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6/18/09 APPELLEE Western Bulk Carriers KS, itemized and verified bill of costs received, w/pfs. (pending motion) [Entry date Jun 18 2009] [ML]

6/18/09 Appellee Western Bulk Carriers KS, motion for leave to file bill of costs filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jun 18 2009] [ML]

7/10/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed

07/10/2009. [Entry date Jul 10 2009]
[ML]

7/10/09 Order FILED DENYING Petition for rehearing by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on petition dated 6/18/2009, Order FILED DENYING petition for rehearing en banc by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on petition dated 6/18/2009. (FP)
[Entry date Jul 10 2009] [ML]

7/17/09 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. motion for time extension pursuant to FRAP 26(b) filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jul 17 2009] [ML]

7/17/09 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. motion for stay of the issuance of the mandate pursuant to FRAP 41(d)(2) filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jul 20 2009]
[ML]

7/31/09 Appellee Western Bulk Carriers KS, Appellee Western Bulk Carriers AS, Appellee Western Bulk AS, memorandum of law in opposition to motion for stay of issuance of mandate filed with proof of service. [Entry date Aug 3 2009] [ML]

8/7/09 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. reply memorandum of law in further support of motion for a stay of the issuance of the mandate pending the filing of a petition for a writ of certiorari with the supreme court filed with proof of service. [Entry date Aug 10 2009] [ML]

8/10/09 Appellee Western Bulk Carriers KS, Appellee Western Bulk Carriers AS, Appellee Western Bulk AS, memorandum of law in opposition to motion for stay of issuance of mandate filed with proof of service. [Entry date Aug 10 2009] [ML]

9/1/09 Letter dated 08/31/2009 received from Kirk M. Lyons, Esq., advising the Court that on 08/28/2009, Centauri filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the Supreme Court.
[Entry date Sep 2 2009] [ML]

9/9/09 Notice of filing petition for APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., dated 09/02/09

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filed. Supreme Court #: 09-264. [Entry

date Sep 9 2009] [AG]

9/18/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 9/18/2009 denying Appellants motion for extended time to move for a stay of the mandate. [Entry date Sep 18 2009] [DB]

9/18/09 Order FILED DENYING the motion for extended time to file motion to stay the issuance of the mandate by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on motion dated 7/17/2009. "IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for an extension of time to move for a stay of the mandate is DENIED as moot in light of the Appellant having filed a motion to stay the mandate on July 17, 2009." (For the Court: JP, Motions Staff Attorney.) [Entry date Sep 18 2009] [DB]

10/19/09 APPELLEE Western Bulk AS, Western Bulk Carriers AS, Western Bulk Carriers KS, itemized and verified bill of costs received, w/pfs. [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/19/09 Order FILED GRANTING motion for leave to file a bill of costs out of time by Appellee Western Bulk Carriers KS, Appellee Western Bulk AS, Appellee Western Bulk Carriers AS, endorsed on motion dated 7/17/2009. (before: DAL, CJ; by: JF) [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/19/09 Order FILED DENYING motion for stay of the issuance of the mandate pursuant to FRAP 41(d)(2) by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on motion dated 7/17/2009. (before: CJS, DAL, CJJ; by: JP) [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/20/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 10/19/2009. [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/20/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 10/19/2009. [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/20/09 Judgment MANDATE ISSUED. CLOSED [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/20/09 Notice to counsel in re: Mandate issued 10/20/2009. [Entry date Oct 20 2009] [ML]

10/30/09 Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd. motion for recall of the mandate - 2d Cir. R. 27(c) and stay of the mandate - FRAP 41(d)(2), filed with proof of service. [Entry date Nov 2 2009] [ML]

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11/18/09 APPELLEE Western Bulk AS, Western Bulk Carriers AS, Western Bulk Carriers KS, statement of costs taxed in the amount of \$580.00, filed. (JP) [Entry date Nov 20 2009] [ML]

11/20/09 Certified copy of the order, 11/18/2009 issued to the district court, [informational only]. [Entry date Nov 20 2009] [ML]

11/24/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed 11/24/2009. [Entry date Nov 24 2009] [ML]

11/24/09 Order FILED DENYING motion to recall the mandate and to stay issuance of the mandate by Appellant Centauri Shipping Ltd., endorsed on motion dated 10/30/2009 (before: CJS, DAL, CJJ; by: JP) [Entry date Nov 24 2009] [ML]

1/15/10 Letter dated 01/11/2010 from the Supreme Court advising of order DENIED petition for writ of certiorari by APPELLANT Centauri Shipping Ltd., filed. (Supreme Court # 09-264) [Entry date Jan 19 2010] [ML]

1/15/10 Writ of Certiorari DENIED. [Entry date Jan 19 2010] [ML]

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Court of Appeals Docket #: 09-1987-cv
Nsuit : 3120 CONTRACT-Marine

Bitzen Bulk A/S v. Capex Industries A/S Filed 5/8/09

Appeal SDNY (NEW YORK CITY)
from:

Case type information:

Civil

Private

None

Lower court information:

District: 08-cv-9868

Trial Judge: Barbara S. Jones

MagJudge:

Date Filed: 11/14/08

Date order/judgement: 4/29/2009

Date NOA filed: 5/7/2009

Fee status: Paid

Panel Assignment:

Panel: RSP BDP DAL 500 Pearl

Date of decision:

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Current cases NONE

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Docket No. [s] : 09-1987 -cv

Bitzen Bulk A/S,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Capex Industries A/S,

Defendant-Appellee.

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Bitzen Bulk A/S v. Capex Industries A/S

1/ Fed. R. App. P. Rule 12 [a] and 32 [a].

2/ For use on correspondence and motions only.

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5/8/09 Copy of notice of appeal and district court docket entries on behalf of APPELLANT Eitzen Bulk A/S, filed. [Entry date May 11 2009] [GW]

5/8/09 Index in lieu of Record on Appeals Electronically Filed (Original documents remain in the originating court). [Entry date May 11 2009] [GW]

5/11/09 Letter received from Appellants Counsel that the incorrect address was put on the motion for stay for the Counsel of the Appellee. Correct address given. [Entry date May 12 2009] [GW]

5/11/09 Appellant Eitzen Bulk A/S motion for stay of execution filed with proof of service. [Entry date May 11 2009] [GW].

5/12/09 It is hereby Ordered that Appellant's motion for an interim stay while the motion for a stay of the District Court's orders vacating a maritime attachment bond posted in connection with Appellant's breach of charter claim against Appellee Capex industries is pending is GRANTED. The motion for stay will be submitted to a three judge motions panel on 06/02/09, subject to the approval of the presiding judge. Before RCW, CJ, for the court by JF, AA. [Entry date May 12 2009] [DB]

5/13/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, Opposition to Motion for Stay papers received. Note: waiting for hard copies to be received. [Entry date May 13 2009] [GW]

5/18/09 APPELLANT Eitzen Bulk A/S, Form C filed, with proof of service. [Entry date May 20 2009] [GW]

5/18/09 APPELLANT Eitzen Bulk A/S, Form D filed, with proof of service. [Entry date May 20 2009] [GW]

5/19/09 Notice to counsel: Motion for stay of the district court's order vacating an attachment bond pending appeal on the substantive motions calendar for Tuesday, June 2, 2009**ON SUBMISSION** [Entry date May 19 2009] [DC]

5/22/09 Appellee Capex Industries A/S, Memorandum in opposition to motion stay, filed with proof of service. [Entry date May 22 2009] [JK]

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5/26/09 ACKNOWLEDGMENT and NOTICE OF APPEARANCE FORM from Atty Peter Gutowski, on behalf of Eitzen Bulk A/S, FILED. (Orig in acco, copy to Admissions Dept.). [Entry date May 28 2009] [GW]

5/27/09 Pre-Argument Conference Notice and Order from Vidya Kurella, Scheduled For: Thursday June 11, 2009 at 3:00 pm, Filed. [Entry date May 29 2009] [GW]

5/27/09 Scheduling order #1 filed. Appellants brief due 7/2/2009. Appellees brief due 8/3/2009. Ready week 9/28/2009. [Entry date May 29 2009] [GW]

5/28/09 Appellant Eitzen Bulk A/S, Reply Memorandum in support of the motion stay, stay filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jun 2 2009] [HT]

5/28/09 Gutowski's reply declaration in support of the motion stay, stay filed with proof of service. [Entry date Jun 2 2009] [HT]

6/1/09 The new case manager assigned to this case is: Toft, Hezekiah. [Entry date Jun 1 2009] [HT]

6/9/09 Notice to counsel in re: Order filed on motion 06/09/08. [Entry date Jun 9 2009] [HT]

6/9/09 Certified copy of the order filed 06/09/09, issued to the district court, [informational only]. [Entry date Jun 9 2009] [HT]

6/9/09 Appellant, thorough counsel, moves for a stay of the district court's order vacating in part an order of maritime attachment. Upon due consideration, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. See McCue v. City of New York (In re: World Trade Ctr. Disaster Site Litig.) 503 F. 3d 167, 170 (2nd Cir. 2007). The Clerk's office shall issue an expedited briefing schedule, with argument to be scheduled (at the earliest) sometime after July 5, 2009. (DJ, Chief Judge, ALK, RDS, Circuit Judges. Endorsed by: RA.) [Entry date Jun 9 2009] [HT]

6/10/09 EXPEDITED case flag set. See order filed 6/10/09. [Entry date Jun 10 2009] [EM]

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6/10/09 Order filed stating "IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expedited briefing schedule is as follows: Appellant's brief shall be filed on or before July 10, 2009. Appellee's brief shall be filed on or before August 10, 2009.

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A reply brief may be filed on or before August 17, 2009. Argument will be heard on the appeal during the week of September 8, 2009, subject to the consent of the presiding judge." For the Court, by JF, Administrative Attorney. [Entry date Jun 10 2009] [EM]

6/10/09 Notice to counsel re: order filed 6/10/09. [Entry date Jun 10 2009] [EM]

6/10/09 APPELLANT Bitzen Bulk A/S, reply brief due 8/17/09. See order filed 6/10/09. [Entry date Jun 10 2009] [EM]

7/7/09 Proposed for argument the week of 9/8/09 [Entry date Jul 7 2009] [CA]

7/10/09 APPELLANT Bitzen Bulk A/S, brief with special appendix FILED with proof of service. [Entry date Jul 14 2009] [CI]

7/10/09 APPELLANT Bitzen Bulk A/S, joint appendix filed w/pfs. [Entry date Jul 14 2009] [CI]

8/3/09 Set for argument on 9/8/09 at 10am [Entry date Aug 3 2009] [DC]

8/6/09 Calendar argument notice mailed to attorneys/parties. [Entry date Aug 6 2009] [AG]

8/10/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, brief filed with proof of service. [Entry date Aug 10 2009] [HT]

8/13/09 REVISED Set for argument on 9/9/09 at 2pm [Entry date Aug 13 2009] [DC]

8/13/09 Revised: Moved from 9/8/09 10am to 9/9/09 2 pm. Calendar argument notice mailed to attorneys/parties. [Entry date Aug 13 2009] [AG]

8/14/09 Appellant Bitzen Bulk A/S motion for extended time to file a reply brief, filed with proof of service. [Entry date Aug 14

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2009] [HT]

8/17/09 Notice to counsel: Order, dated 8/17/09.
 (notified via phone & mail) [Entry date
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8/17/09 Order FILED GRANTING motion for time
 extension to file reply brief by Appellant
 Eitzen Bulk A/S. [Entry date Aug 17 2009
] [DC]

8/21/09 APPELLANT Eitzen Bulk A/S, reply brief
 filed with proof of service. [Entry date
 Aug 24 2009] [HT]

9/9/09 Case heard before HON. POOLER, PARKER,
 LIVINSTON, C.J.J. [Entry date Sep 9 2009
] [DC]

11/10/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, 28(j)
 letter received. [Entry date Nov 12 2009
] [HT]

11/12/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, 28(j)
 letter received. [Entry date Nov 13 2009
] [HT]

11/13/09 Letter dated 11/13/09 received from Peter J.
 Gutowski, Esq., on behalf of Appellant
 Eitzen Bulk, in re: Appellee's 28(j) letters
 of 11/09/09, and 11/11/09. [Entry date Nov
 13 2009] [HT]

11/17/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, 28(j)
 letter received. [Entry date Nov 17 2009
] [HT]

11/23/09 Letter dated 11/19/09 received from Peter J.
 Gutowski, Esq., on behalf of Appellant
 Eitzen Bulk A/S in re: Appellee's 28(j)
 letter. [Entry date Nov 23 2009] [HT]

11/25/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, 28(j)
 letter received. [Entry date Nov 25 2009
] [HT]

12/10/09 APPELLEE Capex Industries A/S, 28(j)
 letter dated 12/09/09, received. [Entry
 date Dec 10 2009] [HT]

12/10/09 APPELLANT Eitzen Bulk A/S, 28(j) letter
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SDNY (NYC)
09-CV-1876UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse at Foley Square 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 Telephone: 212-857-8500

MOTION INFORMATION STATEMENT

Docket Number(s): 10-12-cv

Caption (use short title)

TRANSATLANTIC MARITIME SA

Motion for: Stay of Order Pending Appeal

v.

Set forth below precise, complete statement of relief sought:
Appellant seeks a stay of execution of an order vacating the maritime attachment pending the appeal of the Vacatur Order dated December 16, 2009, which vacated the attachment.

HERACLES GENERAL CEMENT CO SA

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DATE FILED: 12 JAN 2010MOVING PARTY: TRANSATLANTIC MARITIME SAOPPOSING PARTY: HERACLES GENERAL CEMENT CO SA

Plaintiff Defendant
 Appellant/Petitioner Appellee/Respondent

MOVING ATTORNEY: Owen F. DuffyOPPOSING ATTORNEY [Name]: Jeremy J.O. Harwood

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Court-Judge/Agency appealed from: Southern District of New York - Hon. Laura T. Swain

Please check appropriate boxes:

FOR EMERGENCY MOTIONS, MOTIONS FOR STAY AND
INJUNCTIONS PENDING APPEAL:

Has consent of opposing counsel:

A. been sought? Yes No
 B. been obtained? Yes No

 Yes NoIs oral argument requested? Yes No
(requests for oral argument will not necessarily be granted)Has this relief been previously sought
in this Court? Yes NoHas argument date of appeal been set? Yes No
If yes, enter date _____

Requested return date and explanation of emergency:

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Transatlantic respectfully requests a decision by 8:00 p.m. on 01/15/10, as the District Court stay ends 01/10.

Signature of Moving Attorney:

Date: 01/08/2010

Has service been effected?

 Yes No

[Attach proof of service]

out, do we need to file

ORDER

Before: Robert A. Katzmann, *Circuit Judge*IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for stay pending appeal is referred to a three-judge motions panel.
An interim stay is granted until the motion is determined by the motions panel:JAN 08 2010FOR THE COURT:
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Clerk
by J. P. M.

Judy Pishanont, Motions Staff Attorney

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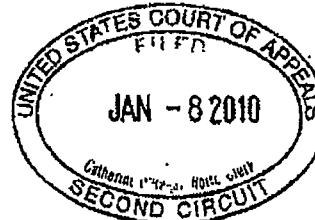
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08CV9010
(DLG)UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 Telephone: 212-857-8500

MOTION INFORMATION STATEMENT

Docket Number(s): 10-62430 (not yet assigned)

Caption [use short title]

Motion for: Emergency Stay of Release of Funds Held in the Registry of the Court

SOLOMON SEA ENTERPRISE S.A.,
-v-
HUDSON SHIPPING LINES, INC.

Set forth below precise, complete statement of relief sought:

Emergency Motion pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 8(a)(2) for a continuation of the temporary

stay (effective through January 12, 2010) pending appeal of the execution of the District Court's

Order dated and entered on December 21, 2009, vacating the attachment of certain funds

held in Court Registry and directing release of funds to Defendant's attorney

MOVING PARTY: SOLOMON SEA ENTERPRISE S.A.

OPPOSING PARTY: HUDSON SHIPPING LINES, INC.

 Plaintiff Defendant Appellant/Petitioner Appellee/Respondent

MOVING ATTORNEY: MICHAEL E. UNGER, ESQ.

OPPOSING ATTORNEY: SIMON HARTER, ESQ.

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Court-Judge/Agency appealed from: District Court for the Southern District of New York (Cote, J.)

Please check appropriate boxes:

FOR EMERGENCY MOTIONS, MOTIONS FOR STAYS AND

INJUNCTIONS PENDING APPEAL:

Has movant notified opposing counsel (required by Local Rule 27.1):

 Yes No (explain): Yes No

Opposing counsel's position on motion:

 Unopposed Opposed Don't Know

Temporary stay of the release of funds held in the Court Registry will expire on January 12, 2010

Does opposing counsel intend to file a response:

 Yes No Don't Know

which the District Court refused to extend pending appeal by its Order dated January 8, 2010

Is oral argument on motion requested?

 Yes No (requests for oral argument will not necessarily be granted)

Has argument date of appeal been set?

 Yes No If yes, enter date:

Signature of Moving Attorney:

Date: January 11, 2010

Has service been effected? Yes No (Attach proof of service)

ORDER

Before: Peter H. Hall, Circuit Judge

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion by Appellant Solomon Sea Enterprise S.A. for a stay pending appeal of the December 21, 2009 order of the Honorable Denise Cote in the District Court for the Southern District of New York, docket no. 08-cv-9010, directing vacatur of the attachment of certain funds held in Court registry and directing immediate release by check of the funds will be determined by a motions panel in due course. The December 21, 2009 order is stayed temporarily pending decision on the motion by the panel.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Clerk

by

Joy Falik

Joy Falik, Administrative Attorney

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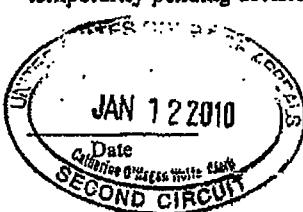


EXHIBIT 18

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SCANSOT SHIPPING SERVICES
(DEUTSCHLAND) GMBH,

Plaintiff,

- against -

METALES TRACOMEX LTDA,

Defendant.

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08 Civ. 7505 (PGG)

ORDER

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, U.S.D.J.:

On December 9, 2009, this Court entered an order vacating the order of attachment issued in this case pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Admiralty Rules for Certain Admiralty Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and dismissing the action without prejudice in light of the Second Circuit's decision in Shipping Corp. of India v. Jaldhi Overseas Pte Ltd., 585 F.3d 58 (2d Cir. 2009). On December 21, 2009, Plaintiff filed a motion for a stay preventing the release of the previously attached funds pending appeal of the December 9 Order. On December 23, 2009, Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal of the December 9 Order.

The Second Circuit has stated that four factors should be weighed in deciding a motion for a stay pending appeal under Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 62(c): "(1) whether the movant will suffer irreparable injury absent a stay, (2) whether a party will suffer substantial injury if a stay is issued, (3) whether the movant has demonstrated 'a substantial possibility, although less than a likelihood, of success' on appeal, and (4) the public interests that may be affected." Hirschfeld v. Board of Elections, 984 F.2d 35, 39 (2d Cir.1993) (citing Dubose v. Pierce, 761

F.2d 913, 920 (2d Cir. 1985)). See also Thapa v. Gonzales, 460 F.3d 323, 334 (2d Cir. 2006); Gordon v. United States, 58 F.3d 855, 856 (2d Cir. 1995).

Courts treat these factors "somewhat like a sliding scale." Thapa, 460 F.3d at 334. "[T]he necessary 'level' or 'degree' of possibility of success will vary according to the court's assessment of the other stay factors." *Id.* (quoting Mohammed v. Reno, 309 F.3d 95, 101 (2d Cir. 2002); see also United States v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., No. 98-cv-7076, 2007 WL 2274866 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 7, 2007)). Moreover, "[i]ssuance of a stay pending appeal is discretionary and equitable. . ." Hayes v. City Univ. of New York, 503 F. Supp. 946, 962 (S.D.N.Y. 1980).

As to the first factor – whether the Plaintiff here will suffer irreparable injury – the record is not clear. Plaintiff alleges that if the funds are released, it may be unable to collect any eventual award it obtains in the underlying arbitration. In support of this allegation, Plaintiff contends only that "Defendant is a maritime company with little to no connection to this forum, and will certainly take steps to ensure that its property is immune from execution. . ." (Pltf. Br. 9-10) Defendant, however, has done little to counter this claim beyond asserting that it is "a well established international dealer in scrap metal with fixed business locations easily identifiable to Plaintiff." (Def. Br. 3) The Second Circuit has granted stays in maritime cases similar to the instant action where the loss of provisional security is the alleged irreparable harm. See, e.g., Eitzen Bulk A/S v. Capex Indus., No. 09-1987-cv (2d Cir. June 9, 2009); Centauri Shipping Ltd. v. Western Bulk Carriers KS, No. 07-4193-cv (2d Cir. Jan. 30, 2008).

The second factor to be considered in deciding a motion for a stay pending appeal is whether a party will suffer substantial injury if a stay is issued. Defendant claims

that it will be damaged by the granting of a stay because the funds at issue have "been wrongfully attached for more than a year now." (Def. Br. 3) This Court has clearly held that the funds were wrongly attached in light of the Second Circuit's decision in Shipping Corp. of India. (Dec. 9, 2009 Order) However, the harm Defendants claim – the validity, or lack thereof, of the attachment – is precisely what is at issue on appeal. Defendants allege no independent source of harm that would result from a stay. In light of the fact that the funds in this case have been attached since September 2008, it is not clear what additional harm would result from the granting of Plaintiff's request for a stay.

The third factor that should be weighed in deciding a motion for a stay pending appeal is whether there is a substantial possibility of success on appeal. Plaintiff argues that application of Shipping Corp. of India and Hawknut Ltd. v. Overseas Shipping Agencies,¹ No. 09-2128-cv, 2009 WL 3790654 (2d Cir. Nov. 13, 2009), to this case is inappropriate. (Pltf. Br. 4-7) This Court rejected the Plaintiff's position in ordering that the case be dismissed. As outlined in the December 9 Order, this case falls squarely within the holding of Shipping Corp. of India; the funds attached took the form of Electronic Fund Transfers being processed by an intermediary bank, which the Second Circuit has held "are not subject to attachment under Rule B." Shipping Corp. of India, 585 F.3d at 72. However, the issues raised by Plaintiff in its opposition to dismissal of the action, which will be renewed on appeal, are no less substantive than those raised in other cases in which the Court has granted a stay – including Centauri, No. 07-4193-cv (January 30, 2008).

¹ In Hawknut, the Second Circuit held that Shipping Corp. of India applies retroactively because it is a "jurisdictional ruling" and "by definition, a jurisdictional ruling may never be made prospective only." 2009 WL 3790654, at *2.

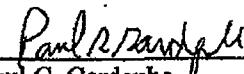
As to the last factor to be considered in deciding a motion for a stay pending appeal, neither side has made a convincing case that the public interest supports their position.

In addition to considering these four factors, this Court has also taken note of the recent trend in the Second Circuit with respect to stays in connection with appeals of vacatur orders. The Second Circuit has repeatedly granted stays in this context, and has overruled district courts in the process. Centauri, No. 07 Civ. 4193, (2d Cir. January 30, 2008); see also Eitzen Bulk A/S, No. 09-1987-cv (2d Cir. June 9, 2009); Shipping Corp. of India Lt. v. Jaldhi Overseas Pte Ltd., No. 08-3477-cv (2d Cir. Oct. 15, 2008); Carolina Shipping Ltd. v. Renaissance Ins. Group Ltd., No. 08- 4711-cv, 2009 WL 256001 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 10, 2008).

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for a stay pending appeal is GRANTED.

Dated: New York, New York
December 23, 2009

SO ORDERED.



Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge

EXHIBIT 19

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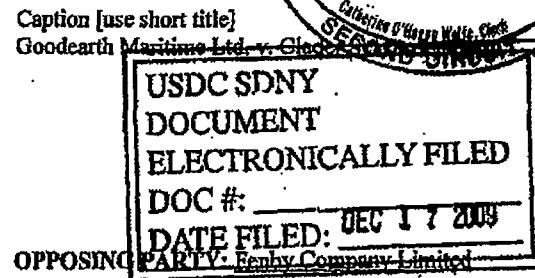
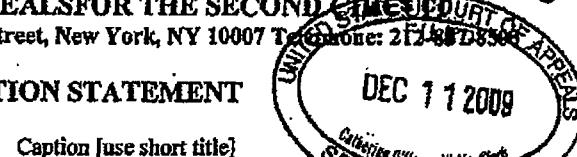
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Date: 12/11/2009

FOR EMERGENCY MOTIONS, MOTIONS FOR STAYS AND INJUNCTIONS PENDING APPEAL

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 Yes No

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 [Attach proof of service] Yes No

Before: José A. Cabranes, Circuit Judge

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Emergency motion by Appellant Baja Ferries USA L.L.C. for a stay of the December 7, 2009 order of the District Court for the Southern District of New York directing that the release from a maritime attachment of an electronics funds be transferred to Appellee Fenby Co. Ltd. rather than Appellant Baja is GRANTED.

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